### **Economic Impact Assessment**

Amend Section 360
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Tags

The proposed regulation adding a new subsection 360(e) identifies 10 X-Zone general season deer tags for use by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Hunter Education Instructor program. This regulation implements Section 3051 (e)(1)(E) of the Fish and Game Code, which was added by the Legislature in 2010.

### Effects of the regulation on the creation or elimination of jobs within the state

The impact of the regulation on the creation or elimination of jobs within the state will be neutral; the qualified Hunter Education Instructors who receive the 10 tags (by random drawing according to Section 709) identified in the regulation will still be required to pay all application and license fees. The number of hunting trips and the economic contributions from them will remain the same.

# Effects of the regulation on the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the state

The result of the regulation on the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the state will be neutral. The hunter education instructors who receive tags as an incentive for recruitment and retention will still be required to pay all application and license fees. The number of hunting trips and the economic contributions from them will remain the same.

# Effects of the regulation on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state

The result of the regulation on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state will be neutral. The hunter education instructors who receive tags as an incentive for recruitment and retention will still be required to pay all application and license fees. The number of hunting trips and the economic contributions from them will remain the same.

#### Benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents

The Department anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. These benefits are maintained by improving the Department's capacity to recruit and retain volunteer Hunter Education Instructors who annually provide training to tens of thousands of California residents. Important aspects of the training include firearms safety, first aid, wildlife management and conservation among others. Maintaining a large number of qualified Hunter Education Instructors is vital, and the provision of a

very small number of deer tags for the purpose of recruiting and keeping volunteer instructors is both economical and beneficial to the residents of the state.

## Benefits of the regulation to worker safety

The regulation will not affect worker safety because it will not impact working conditions.

#### Benefits of the regulation to the state's environment

The Department anticipates benefits to the state's environment in the sustainable management of natural resources. It is the policy of this state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources of the state's wildlife under the jurisdiction and influence of the state for the benefit of all the citizens of the state and to promote the development of local California hunting in harmony with federal law respecting the conservation of the living resources of the state. The objectives of this policy include, but are not limited to, the maintenance of sufficient populations of all species to ensure their continued existence, the maintenance of a sufficient resource to support a reasonable sport use, and providing training to ensure hunters are safely and efficiently using their weapons and abiding by all pertinent laws and regulations while hunting. The proposed regulation provides incentives for recruiting and maintaining the pool of qualified instructors available to train hunters ensuring the continuation of the sport while providing the basis for continued wildlife management efforts.

#### Concurrence with other Statutory Requirements:

Not applicable.